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ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND MAYNES

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SUBJECT: COORDINATION WITH WESTERN GOVERNMENTS ON MAPUTO
CONFERENCE

USUN FOR AMBASSADOR LEONARD

REF: A) USUN 1435; B) USUN 1436; C) STATE 102132

1. IN FOLLOWING UP ON DISCUSSIONS WITH WESTERN
GOVERNMENTS DESCRIBED REFTELS A AND B, YOU SHOULD
SEEK AN EARLY MEETING WITH THE OTHER FOUR WESTERN
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND REITERATE TO THEM
OUR STRONG INTEREST IN COORDINATING THE POSITIONS OF
THE FIVE AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE.

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2. IN THE MEETING WITH THE UK, FRG, FRANCE AND CANADA,
YOU SHOULD SEEK ACCORD ON COMMON GUIDELINES FOR
PRESENTATION AT MAPUTO. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FIVE MIGHT
BE GUIDED GENERALLY BY THE DRAFT DECLARATION ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
THEY MIGHT ALSO CONVEY:

-- THAT THEIR PRESENCE AT THE CONFERENCE REFLECTS THE CONCERN OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLES OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA;

-- IT ALSO REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE THEY ASCRIBE TO THE UN IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA;

-- THEIR POSITIONS GO BEYOND A STATEMENT OF POLICY. THEIR COMMITMENT HAS TAKEN TANGIBLE FORM IN A SERIOUS DIPLOMATIC EFFORT REGARDING NAMIBIA. (THE FIVE MIGHT AGREE ON A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE STATUS OF THEIR EFFORTS ON NAMIBIA.);

-- THE UK AND US HAVE ALSO BEEN ENGAGED IN A SERIOUS EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA (US-UK MIGHT DEVELOP A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE STATUS OF THEIR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS);

-- THE FIVE BELIEVE THE UN DELEGATIONS AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE SHOULD LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO THESE EFFORTS WHICH ARE REALISTIC AND WHICH PROMISE TO ACHIEVE IN A PEACEFUL FASHION THE GOAL SHARED BY ALL UN MEMBERS.

3. BEYOND DEVELOPING GUIDELINES FOR STATEMENTS, YOU SHOULD SEEK TO GAIN AGREEMENT ON TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH THE MAPUTO DECLARATION. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DECLARATION WILL BE UNACCEPTABLE AND THAT THE BEST APPROACH IS THAT CONTAINED IN REF C, PARA 2, SECOND TICK. CONSEQUENTLY, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO AVOID ENGAGING IN ANY DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS AT MAPUTO ON THE TEXT OF THAT DECLARATION.

4. YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT THE GUIDELINES AGREED UPON AD REFERENDUM IN NEW YORK SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO CAPITALS FOR APPROVAL AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSMISSION TO DELEGATIONS IN MAPUTO.

5. FOR ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND MAYNES: WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THE GUIDELINES AND TALKING POINTS SUGGESTED AND ON THE TACTICS PROPOSED FOR DEALING WITH THE MAPUTO DECLARATION.

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